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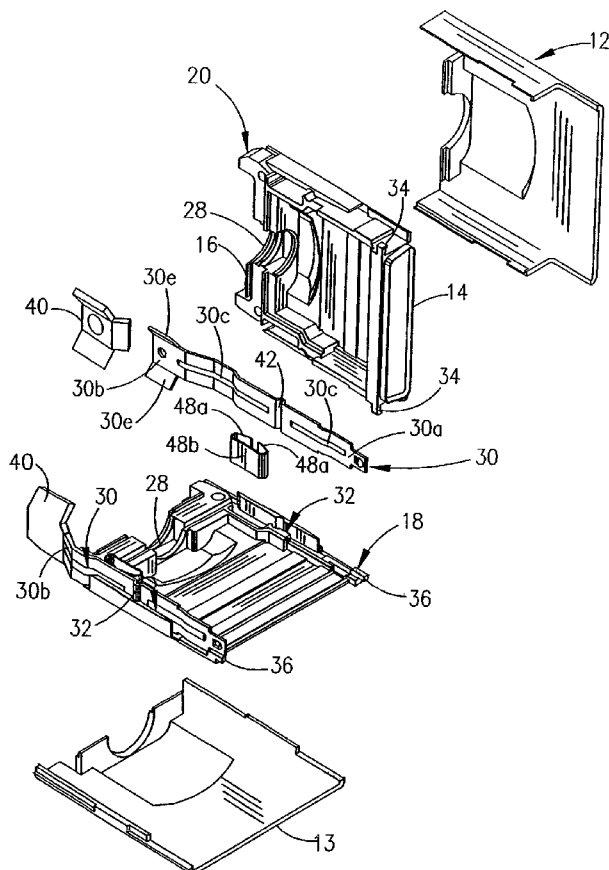
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ing a plurality of conductive terminals in a terminal module  
for contacting the terminals of an appropriate mating con-  
necting device. At least one elongated latch arm has a front  
latching end and a rear end. The latch arm has an enlarged  
integral pivot portion intermediate its opposite ends. The  
housing includes an elongated groove for receiving the elon-  
gated latch arm. The groove has an enlarged journal portion  
for receiving the pivot portion of the latch arm. The groove  
has an enlarged cavity portion at one side thereof. A spring  
independent of the latch arm is located in the enlarged cavity  
portion of the groove for pivoting the latch arm in a latching  
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